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their own legal fees. If they end up with some kids in trouble and the judge in the juvenile court system places them out of state, they're going to go busted. You people that live in small counties can go broke in a hurry with these kind of expenses. This is an...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...expense that should be beared by the state, all over the state, because you will, I can guarantee you, the way things have been going in the last two decades, you people in the smaller counties will come back here and say help us, as Richardson County did when they had their legal fees for their court problems and we bailed them out. This is our responsibility, people, and I hope that you're going to vote and pass this bill on. If not, we'll be back next year and the year after that, whether it be me or somebody else in my place, but the people of the state will...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...be back asking for the state to be responsible for this cost instead of the counties, which 100 percent of it, of this cost is coming out of their property tax dollars. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Bourne, on the motion to override.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of this motion to override the Governor's veto. First, I want to commend Senator Thompson for an outstanding job she's done with this bill. Often times we are all in agreement that something needs to be done and we kind of wring our hands and we can't determine what. And Senator Thompson has stepped up to the plate and come up with an ideal solution to a very real problem that affects many children and youths across the entire state. I commend her. LB 652 was based, as Senator Thompson indicated, on the report of a task force. This task force was made up of experts in corrections, from people across the entire state. These are experts, these people know how to do this, what's the best way to do this, and LB 652 was basically...was